

IN HONOR OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLONEL JOHN ROSENKRANS CHAPTER OF THE NEW JERSEY SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution. The Society strives to preserve and share the rich heritage of our Nation's birth for the generations. Its many chapters, dotted throughout our Nation, keep the spirit of the American revolution alive and help to spark the same love of country and principle that led our forefathers to give birth to our Constitution and our Nation.

New Jersey, often known as "Crossroads of the Revolution," has a long and proud history and played a pivotal role in our nascent Nation's victory in the Revolutionary War. The New Jersey Journal, published in Chatham, was a major catalyst for the Revolution. The Continental Congress met in Nassau Hall at Princeton University. One of the most famous women of the Revolution, Molly Pitcher, was a legend born of New Jersey battles. And, this fine state was the third to ratify the Constitution and the first to ratify the Bill of Rights. Then, of course, there is Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, the Battles of Trenton and Princeton, the Battle of Monmouth, and more. These are all part of the American psyche and history.

Colonel John Rosenkrans has been described as "perhaps the most outstanding Revolutionary patriot of Sussex County." The compatriots of this chapter of the New Jersey Society of Sons of the American Revolution have made it their duty to share his stories and those of the Colonel's heroic contemporaries. They play an important part in keeping our Nation's feet firmly planted in our proud past as we reach ever higher into the future. This weekend, they will celebrate their 50th anniversary, and I commend them for their good work.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER,
THE LATE REP. GUS HAWKINS

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in reverence of the 100 years Augustus Freeman "Gus" Hawkins, the former representative from Los Angeles, fought on this Earth for the causes of justice and equality. Prior to his passing, he had been the oldest former member of Congress, and the longevity of his legacy will easily match the longevity of his years.

He was the first African American elected to the House from California—and, indeed, from the entire western United States—as well as a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was instrumental in the passage

of the watershed Civil Rights Act of 1964, sponsoring its equal employment section setting up the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

We honor him for the strides our community, and our country, took under his stewardship, and for his impeccable sense of purpose that inspires us today.

TRIBUTE TO THE GREATER SOMERSET COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

HON. MIKE FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. FERGUSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the Greater Somerset County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which today is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The American Red Cross has a rich history of providing relief and assistance to victims of fires, floods and other natural disasters, dating back to its founding by Clara Barton in 1881. The organization is a great American success story, as it relies on the contributions of volunteers, and gains its funding through private donations and fees from health and safety services.

The Greater Somerset County Chapter evolved as a conglomeration of smaller chapters in central New Jersey, the first of which was the Bound Brook Chapter in 1917. This chapter includes 15 municipalities, providing residents with access to emergency and disaster services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including blood-donation programs, preparedness education, health and safety training, and medical transportation services.

I would also like to recognize the important work that the Greater Somerset County Chapter's members performed for the residents of New Jersey that I represent during flooding that occurred in recent years, particularly in the towns of Bound Brook and Manville. The vital services provided by these volunteers—and the care and compassion displayed during these difficult times—epitomized the mission of the American Red Cross.

Madam Speaker, the Greater Somerset County Chapter, as well as the American Red Cross as a whole, represents the best in helping Americans in their time of need. I am proud to represent an area that is home to such a fine organization, and I am pleased to congratulate the Greater Somerset County Chapter of the American Red Cross as it celebrates its 90th anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Ms. McCOLLUM of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I regret that I missed rollcall vote No. 1091. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING THE DEDICATION OF THE MICHAEL A. GUIDO THEATER

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the city of Dearborn for the dedication of the Michael A. Guido Theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center.

On November 16, 2007, the City of Dearborn will hold a gala celebration honoring the life of the late Mayor Michael A. Guido. It is at this gala event that the magnificent theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center will be dedicated in Mayor Guido's name. This is a fitting tribute as the state-of-the-art Ford Community & Performing Arts Center was the crowning achievement in the impressive career of Mayor Guido. The center is the largest municipally owned recreation center in North America.

Along with the dedication ceremony, the evening will also include a fundraiser for the Michael A. Guido Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. That the funds will go to pancreatic research is especially meaningful to our late "friendly mayor" and his family.

For 21 years Mayor Guido served the city of Dearborn with enthusiasm, devotion, and a sense of humor. Throughout his career he accomplished much. Known for his commitment to the people of Dearborn, fiscal responsibility, and leadership skills, among his many achievements, Guido served as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and held various leadership positions with the National League of Cities. During his battle with pancreatic cancer, Guido continued to work tirelessly in City Hall on behalf of the people of Dearborn. He also sprouted growth throughout Dearborn. A short list of his accomplishments includes the devolvement of downtown Dearborn, the creation of recreational facilities like the Dearborn Ice Skating Center, the construction of a new police headquarters, the redesign of Ford Wood Park, and the expansion of Esper Branch Library.

I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating the city of Dearborn for the dedication of the Michael A. Guido Theater, as well as joining me in remembering the devoted public servant who served the people of Dearborn for 21 years.

HONORING ROBERT MANT

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2007

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Mant, a constituent who lost his courageous 9-year battle with colon cancer on March 29, 2007.

This week, the Town of Brewster, Massachusetts, will honor Bob for his many years of dedicated public service by naming a stunning stretch of beach along Cape Cod Bay as "Mant's Landing".

First and foremost, "Captain Bob", as he was lovingly referred to by family and friends,